[T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*c*) Communal sccieties have been registered after the issue of the Registrar's circular.

(*d*) The statement† required by the member is laid on the table.

Contract for delivery of Salt.

222. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the salt licensees have executed agreements regarding the annual supply of salt due to the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The licensees of the Modified Excise Factories have executed agreements in which the quantity of salt to be delivered by them annually to Government is specified.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഉടമ്പടിപ്രകാരം ഉപ്പു ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിലേയ്ക്കു കൊടുക്കാതിരുന്നിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): ഇതൊരു അപേക്ഷാരൂപമാണെന്നു കരുതി അതിന് ഉത്തരം തയ്യാറാക്കീട്ടില്ല.

Rental in Ganja and Opium Shops.

223. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether opium and ganja are given to the shop-keepers on the basis of the amount of rental; and

(*b*) whether it is on the basis of the rental fixed for the shops that opium and ganja have been given to the shop-keepers in Quilon and Trivandrum?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No, but on the basis of the quantity required for sale in the shop.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Sale of Opium and Ganja Shops.

224. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is necessary that Abkari auction sales should be notified in the *Gazette*; and

(*b*) if so, whether such notification should be re-published in the *Gazette*, in case it was not possible to conduct the auction sale on the date once fixed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No. But notices of Abkari auction sales are generally published in the *Gazette*.

(*b*) Not necessary. A local publication of the date will be enough.

Language of Interpellations and Answers.

225. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Are the Government aware that on account of the publication of

† *Vide* Appendix IX—Page 618.

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questions and answers in English, difficulty is being experienced by members in asking supplementary questions?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government are aware that a few members have some difficulty.

Issue of Medicines to the Huzur Medical Officer.

226. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names, quantity and price of each of the patent medicines and other special drugs issued to the Huzur Dispensary during each of the three years 1097-1099 and in 1100, up to Medam;

(*b*) the name of the officer under whose orders the medicines are issued, whether the issue and the stock are checked by any officer, and, if so, by whom, and how many times and at what periods each year;

(*c*) whether any limit is prescribed to the quantities that may be supplied each year, and, if so, what;

(*d*) when the indents are usually submitted by the Huzur Medical Officer; and

(*e*) when the indents for 1099 were sent, when checked and passed and when the medicines were issued?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A list* of patent medicines, etc., issued to the Huzur Medical Officer with their quantity and price for 1097, 1098, 1099 and up to Medam in 1100 is laid on the table.

(*b*) The medicines were issued from the stores under the orders of the Darbar Physician. It was not customary for the Darbar Physician to check the issue and stock of the Huzur Dispensary.

(*c*) No limit is prescribed for the quantities that may be supplied each year.

(*d*) Indents are submitted by the Huzur Medical Officer as necessity arises.

(*e*) Five indents were received in 1099, on different occasions, passed by the Darbar Physician and supplied.

Recruitment to the Medical Department and Transfer of Medical Officers.

227. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the gross inequality that exists between the members of the Hindu community and the Christians in the Assistant and Deputy Surgeons' grades of the Medical Department, considering the fact that there are 21 Hindus as against 36 Christians?

(2) Will they direct the authorities that, in future, preference should be given to the Hindus in the matter of appointments till the proportion is equalised?

(3) Is it not a fact that, during the time Sir P. Rajagopala Chariar was Dewan, an order was passed to this effect, and, if so, why is it not observed in practice?

* *Vide* Appendix X—Pages 619—625.

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